

CLAIMS

1. Chewable articles for animals, typically for household pets such as dogs and cats, the articles being made from inulin or comprising mixtures of inulin and/or oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers.
2. Chewable articles according to Claim 1, produced from thermoplastically processable inulin or from mixtures of inulin and/or oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers.
3. Chewable articles according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, in which the thermoplastic polymer is selected from the biodegradable polymers.
4. Chewable articles according to Claim 3, in which the biodegradable polymer is selected from the group comprising starch in its natural, chemically modified, or physically modified forms, aliphatic polyesters, ethylene vinyl alcohol or vinyl acetate copolymers, polyvinyl alcohol, aromatic aliphatic copolymers, polyamides, polyester polyamide copolymers.
5. Chewable articles according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, in which the quantity of inulin and/or oligofructans present in the mixtures with thermoplastic polymers is between 10 and 20% by weight.
6. Chewable articles according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, in which the inulin and the mixtures of inulin and/or oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers are rendered thermoplastically processable by extrusion at temperatures of between 80 and 200°C in the presence of water and/or a plasticizer containing hydroxyl groups.

7. Chewable articles according to Claim 6, in which the plasticizer is sorbitol or glycerol.

8. Chewable articles according to Claims 1 to 7, in the form of bones for dogs.

9. Thermoplastically processable inulin or mixtures of inulin and/or oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers.